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SUBJ: CODEL CLARK: POSSIBLE VISIT TO RHODESIA

REF: (A) DARES SALAAM 3010; (B) LUSAKA 1567; (C) STATE 190026

1. WHILE WE ARE UNINFORMED OF VIEWS DEPARTMENT MAY HAVE EXPRESSED TO CODEL ON POSSIBLE RHODESIAN VISIT, WE GATHER CODEL IS AWARE OF SENSITIVITIES INVOLVED IN GOING TO SALISBURY DURING PERIOD OF VICTORIA FALLS BRIDGE TALKS. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT SUCH A VISIT WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS TO OUR INTERESTS AND SUBSCRIBE FULLY TO VIEWS EXPRESSED IN PARAS 2 AND 3 REFTEL C THAT ANY VISIT BY US REP WOULD PROBABLY BE USED BY SMITH TO ATTEMPT TO BOLSTER HIS POSITION. EVEN IF SMITH DID NOT USE VISIT IN SUCH MANNER, IT WOULD BE SEEN BY MANY BLACKS AS EVIDENCE OF US INTEREST IN HELPING SMITH REACH COMPROMISE FAVORABLE TO WHITE RHODESIANS.

2. IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO US AND TO LUSAKA TO HAVE DEPT'S GUIDANCE ON HOW WE SHOULD HANDLE THIS ISSUE IN OUR COVERSATIONS WITH CODEL.
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